

## Andrew Jackson to Robert Armstrong, September 15, 1835, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO COLONEL ROBERT ARMSTRONG.

Washington, September 15, 1835.

*Dear Col,* I have this day addressed an extra Globe to each member of the senate in the Legislature of Tennessee, to be delivered when they arrive, and as far as I have been informed, to each member of the House of Representatives. they contain Col Bentons first speech on his expunging resolution, and I will send to each member the next extra Globe which contains his other speeches upon this interesting subject. I wish you to explain to them that I do this that each member may have a full view of the illegal, and unconstitutional proceedings of the majority of the senate against the Executive of the united states. I request this of you, as it may be represented by my enemies in Nashville, that I am interfering in their local politics, which is not the case. But as the criminating resolutions of the senate strike at the vital principles of our constituted Government, and I am bound by my oath of office, not only to see that the laws be faithfully executed, but “ *to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the united states to the best of my ability* ,” I view it as an imperious duty that I owe to my constituents to make known to them wherein it has been violated, that if the Legislature deem any step necessary to be taken it can act understandingly.

With my kind regards to your family I am yours respectfully